

# PROVERBS

A LIFE WELL LIVED

## Sermon Questions

Date: *July 3, 2022* | Scripture: *Proverbs on Pride (see reverse)*

1. Read the selections from Proverbs on the next page. What do these warnings teach us about our tendency to pride?
2. Where in life are you most tempted to make comparisons with other people? How do those comparisons inflate (or deflate) your sense of importance?
3. Where have you seen pride become destructive? In your work, your family, your church, etc.
4. Pride and self-loathing have an interesting relationship with each other. In what way is self-loathing a form of pride? How might pride make someone who struggles with self-loathing feel worse? What is the difference between humility and having a low view of oneself?
5. One quote from the sermon says, "Humility is coming to terms with joyful reality." In what ways does humility reflect reality?

### *Inward Grace in Action*

6. One way the Proverbs recommend combatting pride is to seek wise counsel. What is one thing in your life you need to seek wise counsel on? Who are two or three trusted friends you can bring this to? Send them a text and set up a time to talk.
7. Another way the Proverbs recommend combatting pride is to get a fresh perspective. What is one way you can seek beauty in the world that reminds who God is and who you are?

### WORSHIP THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

Here are some other ways you can meet with God throughout the week:

*Reflect* on these Scriptures:

- Genesis 3:1-13
- Isaiah 2:12-19
- Psalm 10
- Matthew 6:25-34
- Philippians 2:1-11
- James 4:13-17

*Serve:* there are lots of opportunities to serve in our church family. [Click Here](#) to serve as a volunteer

*Pray* for our young people in Scotland this week

*Reach out* if you need assistance:

- Call our church office at 703.821.0800
- Request aid from our Deacons' Fund at [deaconsfund@mcleanpres.org](mailto:deaconsfund@mcleanpres.org)

Proverbs 11:2

When pride comes, then comes disgrace,  
but with the humble is wisdom.

Proverbs 16:18

Pride goes before destruction,  
and a haughty spirit before a fall.

Proverbs 22:2

The rich and the poor meet together;  
the Lord is the Maker of them all.

Proverbs 25:6-7

Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence  
or stand in the place of the great,  
for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"  
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

Proverbs 27:1

Do not boast about tomorrow,  
for you do not know what a day may bring.

Proverbs 15:22

Without counsel plans fail,  
but with many advisers they succeed.

Proverbs 30:1-4

The words of Agur son of Jakeh. The oracle.  
The man declares, I am weary, O God;  
I am weary, O God, and worn out.  
Surely I am too stupid to be a man.  
I have not the understanding of a man.  
I have not learned wisdom,  
nor have I knowledge of the Holy One.  
Who has ascended to heaven and come down?  
Who has gathered the wind in his fists?  
Who has wrapped up the waters in a garment?  
Who has established all the ends of the earth?  
What is his name, and what is his son's name?  
Surely you know!

Proverbs 30:7-9

Two things I ask of you;  
deny them not to me before I die:  
Remove far from me falsehood and lying;  
give me neither poverty nor riches;  
feed me with the food that is needful for me,  
lest I be full and deny you  
and say, "Who is the Lord?"  
or lest I be poor and steal  
and profane the name of my God.